

BJ Vows Dedication To Peace

Party Fetes Hear New Promise to Fight Aggression

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President Johnson used two Democratic Party fund-raising rallies last night to restate the Nation's dedication to peace and unrelenting opposition to aggression.

In a prelude to his appearance today at the 20th anniversary meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco, the President declared:

"For 20 years of trial and testing, the purpose of this Nation has never wavered—and it is strong and steady and sure tonight. In this week, we seek nothing of others, but only peace and justice for all—and that is our purpose still.

"Road of Danger"

"For 20 years, we have journeyed a road of danger—and neither the journey nor the danger is near an end. In our land—and around the world—we would far rather use our hands than our arms.

"For we want to walk and to work at the side of mankind to overcome poverty and disease and ignorance and bias and fear.

"But we cannot do the work we want to do—mankind cannot make the gains all peoples yearn to make—so long as there are those unwilling to leave their neighbors alone and in peace."

8000 at Two Dinners

Mr. Johnson prepared two relatively brief speeches for an audience of about 2000 at the Washington Hilton Hotel, and a larger affair for an estimated 6000 at the District of Columbia Armory. Both were \$100-a-plate Democratic dinners to raise funds for next

year's congressional elections. Mr. Johnson said he approached the U.N. appearance with the assurance of Congress and his own determination that:

"So long as peril remains, we shall remain prepared. So long as peace is weak, we shall remain strong. So long as ag-

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gression challenges freedom, we shall meet it."

Proud of Congress

The prepared remarks were central in one theme—that Mr. Johnson is intensely proud of the record of the heavily Democratic House and Senate. But his Armory speech was more specific in its references to foreign policy.

"In a very short while," he said in the Armory, "I shall be leaving this hall to fly across the Continent—first to meet with man whose name is written forever among the heroes of freedom, Harry S. Truman—and then to fly on to San Francisco to renew there the pledge of support President Truman gave 20 years ago this week to the United Nations."

As for the Nation's lawmakers, he said:

"There have been strong Congresses and weak, good Congresses and poor, but I am prepared to argue with more than usual persuasion that the Congress meeting now will be remembered in our history as one of the greatest of them all."

Thanks for Support

In both speeches he praised Congress for the support given the Government's foreign policy in a time of trial and tension on many fronts.

While the President emphasized that congressional accomplishments were not the results of partisanship, he expressed great pride in, and lavished praise on, the current Congress which has the largest Democratic majorities in many years.

"But," he added, "we as Democrats are trustees of

that spirit and we must be faithful to that trust. We must give ourselves and the energy of our Party to those things that unite America, not to those things that divide America.

"We must have the courage to fulfill not only the ideals of our party but the aspirations of our society and the promises of our constitution."